

TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Donald DiPetrillo, Fire Chief
797-1213

SUBJECT: Resolution

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, REVISING THE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE FOR EMS TRANSPORTATION.

REPORT IN BRIEF:

Recent policy changes in the Federal Governments Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA) related to the fee structure for Medicare and Medicaid ambulance reimbursement rates, necessitate an adjustment in the Town's EMS transportation fee schedule to maintain adequate funding of this vital service. The Town of Davie Fire Rescue Department recommends changes to the EMS transportation fee schedule which would place the department fee schedule at parity with surrounding communities and in-line with HCFA's industry-wide changes

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

Town Council previously approved resolution number R-2000-222

CONCURRENCES:

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT:

Has request been budgeted? n/a

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Motion to approve the resolution

Attachment(s):

Resolution
Proposed EMS Transport Fee Schedule
Letter from Advanced Data Processing

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, REVISING
THE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE FOR EMS
TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, Town Council previously approved a fee schedule by resolution number R-2000-222; and

WHEREAS, Advanced Data Processing, the billing agent for the Town's emergency transport services has made the Town aware of applicable industry changes in HCFA regulations; and

WHEREAS, Advanced Data Processing has submitted to the Fire Rescue Department appropriate changes to the Town's fee schedule for EMS transportation so as to be in-line with the industry and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department recommends such changes be implemented; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Davie to revise the fee schedule as attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Town Council hereby adopts the revised fee schedule established as stated within.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect January 1, 2002.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2001.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

Attest:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2001

PROPOSED EMS TRANSPORTATION FEE SCHEDULE

Revision is Essential to:

- Maintains Concurrency with Applicable HCFA laws
- Obtain Maximum Collection Potential, and
- Maintain Overall Revenue

Proposed Adjustments to Current Schedule:

Description	Current	Proposed	Change
BLS Rate	\$310.00	\$350.00	\$40.00
ALS 1 Rate	\$310.00	\$350.00	\$40.00
ALS 2 Rate	N/A	\$480.00	\$480.00
Special Handling Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
Oxygen Fee	\$25.65	\$30.00	\$4.35
Mileage Fee	\$6.15	\$7.50	\$1.35

Comparison of Other City/County Fees:

	ALS 1	ALS 2	BLS	OXYGEN	MILEAGE	SPECIAL HANDLING
Boca Raton	\$330.00	\$480.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$7.00	
Broward County	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$290.00	\$26.35	\$7.25	
Citrus County	\$473.00	\$598.00	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$7.50	Yes
Cooper City	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$26.35	\$7.25	
Dania Beach	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$7.00	
Deerfield	\$350.00	\$480.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$7.00	
Ft. Lauderdale	\$330.25	\$0.00	\$330.25	\$30.30	\$7.25	
Hallandale	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$20.00	\$7.50	Yes
Highlands County	\$330.00	\$485.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$7.50	Yes
Lauderdale Lakes	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$25.50	\$6.50	Yes
Margate	\$330.00	\$480.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$6.50	
Miami Beach	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$30.00	\$7.50	Yes
North Lauderdale	\$360.00	\$480.00	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$7.00	
North Port	\$330.00	\$480.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$5.50	Yes
Oakland Park	\$350.00	\$480.00	\$350.00	\$24.00	\$6.50	Yes
Okaloosa County	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	Yes
Palm Beach County	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$7.50	
Pembroke Park	\$360.30	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$7.25	
Tamarac	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$25.00	\$7.00	Yes
Tampa	\$360.00	\$500.00	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	
AVERAGE CHARGE	\$362.56	\$496.30	\$338.70	\$25.83	\$7.18	



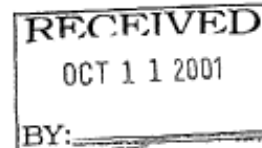
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Dear Jose':

Subject: Fee Structure Recommendation

As we have previously informed you, HCFA is moving ahead with changes to the Medicare Fee Structure that will affect reimbursement rates nationally. While we have made some preliminary changes to the way in which we bill in order to accommodate these changes, the financial part of the fee structure change did not take effect this year. However, this is expected to definitely change in the year 2002, possibly in January but, probably in April.

In order to offset anticipated Medicare revenue decreases, we have advised our clients to make preparations to increase their transport charge rates accordingly. A statistical analysis of your revenues shows that your rates should be set at the following and is in-line with other EMS providers in your area:

BLS Emergency	\$350.00
ALS1 Emergency	\$350.00
ALS2	\$480.00

Additionally, you may continue to "add-on" to your base rate for Oxygen increased to \$30.00 and bill a separate mileage fee increased to \$7.50 / mile.

Please understand these are recommended minimums and that your rates may be set higher to meet budget requirements and are subject to ordinance change. Please advise us of any ordinance change in advance of the effective date so that we may appropriately change our billing.

Respectfully submitted,

D V Passaro
VP Marketing/Operations
Advanced Data Processing